to Those About to Marry. The custom which obtains so generally of taking a fatiguing journey as a part of the nuptials is regarded by high authority as one of the barbarisms of civilization. Let us illustrate the injurious physical tendencies by a typical case. During extremely cold weather there occurs a wedding, which, from the standing of the parties, attracts some attention. The happy couple, we are told, are off for their wedding trip to a still more frigid section of country.

Though conscious of danger and discomfort, to some extent, which is greatly increased by their inexperience in traveling, they cheerfully assume the risk and responsibility, as to all married couples a bridal tour seems to be considered as absolutely essential to give the marital union an importance with out which it would, in their opinion, be unromantic and but a partial marriage. The tour causes fatigue, exposure and excitement, making regularity of life impossible-in fact, the act involves the reverse of all that the rules of health and physiology require.

Again, it constantly happens in the case of both seres that a slight indisposition, which passed unnoticed in the hurry of preparation, is aggravated to a serious and even fatal extent by the excitement, exposure and neglect on a wedding tour. No man, for instance, would think of postponing his marriage. on account of a slight cold. If he staid at home afterward and took care of himself, it would pass away like other slight colds, but often on the bridal tour the malady develops into a chronic disease. A prominent physician recently said:

"Many cases of brides and bridegrooms in my professional experience came under my observation dying of typhoid fever just after a wedding trip, which had caused the early symptoms to be misunderstood and neglected. In one instance that came under my observation a healthy and vigorous young man, just returned from a bridal tour, died of typhoid fever in Troy, his sickness being superinduced presumably by the fatigue and exposure incident to the journey. It will thus be seen that the medical aspect of a bridal tour is sufficiently important and the risk incurred sufficiently great to cause the wedded pair, if they wish to be actuated by impulses of reason and prudence rather than by the dictates of custom, to pause before they undergo the trials of a wedding journey. "-Troy Times.

### Rare Presence of Mind.

"I knew a sea captain who died some years ago who displayed great presence of mind at a most critical time," said Henry S. Roberts of Boston. "His ship had caught fire, and the passengers and crew were compelled to take to the boats in a hurry. The captain remained perfeetly cool throughout all the confusion and fright of the embarkation, and a last every one but himself was got safe-

ready to follow excitent with fear and to the sailors to hold on a minute, and taking a cigar from his pocket coolly bit the end off and lighted it with a piece of the burning rigging. Then he descended with great deliberation and gave the order to shove off. 'How could you stop to light a cigar at such a moment?" he was afterward asked by one of the passengers. 'Because,' he answered, 'I saw that if I did not do something to divert your minds there would likely be a panic and upset the boats. The lighting of a cigar took but a moment and attracted the attention of everybody. You all forgot vourselves in thinking about my curious behavior, and we got safely away.' "-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Danish Peasantry.

The Danish peasantry have a notable love of order and symmetry in household arrangement, placing their furniture wherever possible in pairs and in exactly corresponding positions. One old peasant who had accumulated a little money and had been prevailed upon to buy his daughter a piano seriously considered buying another to place against the opposite wall. Their bedsteads consist of great boxes, generally painted red or green and heaped with feather beds, between which they insinuate themselves winter and summer. If unable to afford so many feathers, the underbed is of straw and receives so little attention that mice build their nests in it and race back and forth squealing shrilly without disturbing the stolid peasant slumbers. The bedding is not washed oftener than once or twice a year. - Philadelphia Press.

### Wire Shafting.

From a recently published estimate of the strength of the proposed wire shafts for steamships it appears that in this important respect the most satisfactory result is realized. When made in five sections, with a total length of 100 feet and 15 inches diameter, the shaft will have 25,000 No. 7 steel wires, each 25 feet long, with 50,000 fastenings, and as each wire 500 pounds without rupture or injury there, is thus exhibited a total inherent strength of some 37,500,000 pounds, or an amount 25 times greater than the continuous force of an engine of 5,000 horse-power, which is indeed a significant showing.-New York Sun.

### Landlords and Tenants.

Capitalist-I should just like to know why my new apartment house continues

to stand empty? Agent-It is your own fault, sir. You refuse to admit children. "I said nothing of the sort, sir. I ob-

jected only to small boys. " "All the same, people who have boys big enough to shovel snow and dig garden won't live in a flat. "-Good News.

### An Earth Angel.

St. Peter (at heaven's gate)-Come in. Fair Spirit (anxiously)—Is my halo on | practically how to cultivate straight?-New York Weekly.

ONCE ON A TIME.

At teatime in the ruddy light-Chrysanthemums were in their glory— My baby came to say good night And beg for "just one little story."

I told her how a girl like her Came long ago, somewhere or other, And brought her doll and made a stir And begged a story from her mother, Who, tired and listless, also ground. The little story begging beauty With news of how mother glossed.

Her irksome story telling duty. Still backward was the tale referred To weary her, but when I ended, As if I had not said a word,

With looks half pleading, half offended She clasped my neck—her childish trust Had made the hardest heart compliant— "A little one," she said, "please—just About a fairy and a giant."

i kissed her close, and off I went:
"Once on a time," low, slow and steady.
She heaved a sigh of sweet content— My darling was asleep already.

- Menzies Macdonald in Good Words.

Many are the stories told of the remarkable verdicts brought in by inefficient juries, but there could scarcely be a better illustration of what a certain legal man calls "colossal inefficiency" than the story he tells of the verdict given by a jury in a western city. The case under trial was that of a man who -accidentally, as almost every one believed-had fatally shot a friend while the two were off with a hunting party.

The accused person was a prominent citizen of the place and was greatly beloved as well as respected by every one who knew him.

As the trial proceeded the faces of the jurymen were filled with anxiety. When they at last retired, it became evident to them that the prisoner could not be acquitted of all blame, according to the evidence, but they decided that if he must be considered guilty of something they would make that something as light as possible. Accordingly the foreman gravely announced on the return to the courtroom that they found the prisoner "guilty of drunkenness."

In spite of the gravity of the case a ripple of amusement ran over the courtroom at this verdict. The judge, with considerable severity and with great clearness, again charged the jury and again they retired.

A long interval elapsed. At last they came straggling in again. Once more the foreman confronted the judge and thus announced the verdict:

"We find the prisoner guilty of manslaughter in the third degree, but"this in a tone of something like defiance -"we don't believe he did it!"-Youth's Companion.

### An Expensive Bow.

A gentleman's court dress is a very expensive affair. It costs £40 at least, without the shoes, stockings or sword. Many men who are not members of parliament or likely to wear their suit ore than once or twice hire it from one of the numerous costumers who abound in the neighborhood

properly put on. One ultra fashionable tailor charges 6 guineas for one wearing, but his suits are of the best quality, made to fit and of proper cut. Altogether, with silk hose, shoes, buckles, sword and hat, a man cannot make his bow to the prince at a cost of less than £10. - New York Herald.

### Curing a Bolting Horse. A horse purchased at an equine "rub-

bish" sale was a confirmed bolter. No sooner was it harnessed than it set off at full gallop, a career which generally ended in a smash and the immediate resale of the culprit. But the new purchaser, far from trying to check this propensity, resolved, as he said, to "humor him a bit" and generously "lent him to a fire engine." The horse soon found that he was encouraged not only to bolt at starting, but to keep up the pace, and in six months was quite ready either to stand in harness or to start at any speed wished by his driver.-London Spectator.

### A Limit to Her Grief.

Miss Congee-My heart is brokenbroken in twain. I shall never, never smile again after the cruel way in which he has jilted me.

Her Dearest Friend-What, never? Miss Congee (hesitatingly)—Well, not till I have finished my breach of promise suit against him !- Boston Traveller.

### Her Proposal.

Harold—Ethel, do you love me? Ethel (deeply agitated)—Ah, Harold -forgive me-I cannot tell you. Will you, oh, will you, Harold, excuse me while I find the article in The Ladies' Parlor Journal on 'How to Behave When Proposed To? "-London Tit-

The Jewish law ordered that the grainfields should not be glesned, and that the wheat in the corners of the fences or walls should not be gathered, in order that something might be left for the poor. No farmer might forbid and each fastening will sustain a load of poor persons from entering his fields and gleaning after the reapers.

> Cherubini copied all his own scores, and that with such care that the manuscript looks as though printed. He even copied all the orchestral parts, for, as he said, "there is always something to be learned in copying music."

Amadeus of Spain abdicated in 1878, disgusted with the tedious ceremonials of the Spanish court. He returned to Italy and was glad to resume his honorary and nominal duties as an officer in the Italian service.

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